

Privy Council Appeal No. 57 of 1992

Geoffrey Phillip Adams

Appellant

v.

The General Medical Council

Respondent

FROM

**THE HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE
GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL**

JUDGMENT OF THE LORDS OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, DELIVERED THE
22ND FEBRUARY 1993

Present at the hearing:-

LORD TEMPLEMAN
LORD SLYNN OF HADLEY
LORD WOOLF

[Delivered by Lord Templeman]

On 30th June 1988, 26th June 1990, 20th June 1991, 24th June 1992 and 26th October 1992 the Health Committee of the respondent, the General Medical Council, found that the appellant's fitness to practise was seriously impaired. On the last occasion, 26th October 1992 the Committee directed that the registration of the appellant in the Register of Medical Practitioners be suspended for a period of twelve months.

The appellant now appeals against the finding and direction of the Health Committee on 26th October 1992. An appeal only lies on a question of law. The appellant, who appeared in person, contended that his fitness to practise was not seriously impaired and he attacked the integrity of the authors of some of the medical reports and the competence of the medical examiner who gave oral evidence.

Their Lordships have considered the documentary evidence concerning the appellant since September 1985, the transcript of the proceedings on 26th October 1992, the written case submitted by the appellant, the case for the respondent and the oral submissions of the appellant which he presented with clarity and sincerity. No useful purpose would be served by a recital of the evidence and the submissions. Their Lordships are quite satisfied that

the evidence before the Health Committee fully supported the decisions which were reached and that no error of law was committed.

Their Lordships will therefore humbly advise Her Majesty that this appeal ought to be dismissed.

